

**VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA COMMISSION  
PROVISIONAL MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

CAPITOL PARK MUSEUM  
660 NORTH FOURTH STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

**Commissioners Attending:**

**Voting Members**

Karen Moss Barnes  
Monica Bradsher  
Julie Cherry  
Dr. Leroy Davis (arrived 10:12 am)  
Shannon Dietz  
Dr. Jennifer Falls (arrived 10:20 am)  
Vincent Ilustre (arrived at 10:15 am)  
Jenny Korner  
Robert Lancon  
Mike Manning  
Teresa Micheels  
William Stoudt  
Fabian Tucker

**Ex-officio members**

Pam Olson

**Commissioners Absent:**

Sharon Weston Broome  
David Conner  
Chris Gorman  
Ann Masden

**Staff:**

Janet Pace  
Nicholas Auck  
Jawonna Mason  
Stephanie Trahan

**Visitor:**

Teresa Gadberry, Senior Corps  
Stephanie Gittinger, NCCC  
Rita Massey, RSVP  
Michael Pizzolatto, Tulane VISTA  
Kathy Richard, Foster Grandparents  
Vickie Schenk, CNCS Louisiana  
Joyce Tippy, Senior Companions

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Julie Cherry called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Monica Bradsher called roll. Quorum was achieved. The minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting were presented by Monica and approved unanimously on a motion by Mike Manning and a second by Shannon Dietz. The minutes of the July 12, 2013 meeting were presented by Monica and approved unanimously on a motion by Jenny Korner and a second by Mike Manning.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Julie recapped the decision by the Commission regarding the FY13 AmeriCorps State Formula funding, noting the called meeting to consider unallocated funds from the June meeting. She explained that ultimately all funding was approved but the TFA request for 366 MSYs at \$1 per MSY. CNCS elected to only fund TFA with the AmeriCorps State Competitive grant of \$105,000 and 70 MSYs. She noted that staff continues to establish a process aimed at greater transparency and efficiency. As a result staff will be bringing forth policy recommendations to incorporate into the FY14 NOFO which begins in late September.

She also noted that the applicant presentations will be moved up so that Commissioners will have an opportunity to hear from them a full meeting before the funding decisions must be made. They will now present at the March meeting.

She said that former Commissioner Camm Morton had helped to finally create the friends group called Volunteer Louisiana Foundation. The foundation has received and approved a proposal from staff to help host the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Champions of Service gala on October 24.

She noted the 2014 Commission meeting dates are in the Commission packet and asked Commissioners to put them on their calendars now.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dr. Davis presented the Treasurer's Report. Monica Bradsher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jenny Korner seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Janet updated Commissioners on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala on October 24. She noted La Capitol Federal Credit Union had come forward as a Major Sponsor and Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown Baton Rouge was providing rooms to the out-of-town honorees.

She discussed the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary marketing campaign with the videos appearing in seven media markets statewide. The videos were played.

### **ACTION ITEM**

*Consideration of AmeriCorps FY 14-15 NOFO Policy Changes*

Julie asked Janet to present staff recommendations for policy changes to the FY14 AmeriCorps State Formula NOFO. Staff proposed the following indicating in which section of the NOFO the change would occur:

- II. Award Information
  - A. Funding Available  
An applicant receiving State Competitive funding will not be eligible to receive State Formula funding
- II. Award Information
  - D. Types of Grants  
New and Re compete professional corps programs may only apply for Competitive Education Award Program (EAP) funds
- III. Eligibility
  - B. Match Requirements  
Sustainability: Programs are expected to demonstrate increasing sustainability annually by showing increased match or decreasing the amount of CNCS funds they request

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie asked for any public comment. There was none.

On II. Award Information, A. Funding Available, a motion to accept the staff recommendation as proposed for inclusion in the FY14 AmeriCorps State Formula NOFO was made by Vincent Ilustre and seconded by Robert Melancon. Monica led the Roll Call Vote:

<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Karen Moss Barnes	None
Monica Bradsher	
Julie Cherry	
Leroy Davis	
Shannon Dietz	
Jennifer Falls	
Vincent Ilustre	
Jenny Korner	
Robert Lancon	
Mike Manning	
Teresa Micheels	
William Stoudt	
Fabian Tucker	

The motion passed unanimously.

On II. Award Information, D. Types of Grants, a motion to accept the staff recommendation as proposed for inclusion in the FY14 AmeriCorps State Formula NOFO was made by Leroy Davis and seconded by Shannon Dietz. Monica led the Roll Call Vote:

<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Karen Moss Barnes	None
Monica Bradsher	
Julie Cherry	
Leroy Davis	
Shannon Dietz	
Jennifer Falls	
Vincent Ilustre	
Jenny Korner	
Robert Lancon	
Mike Manning	
Teresa Micheels	
William Stoudt	
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The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners were divided on how to proceed with the third staff recommendation:

### III. Eligibility

#### A. Match Requirements

Sustainability: Programs are expected to demonstrate increasing sustainability annually by showing increased match or decreasing the amount of CNCS funds they request

Some Commissioners wanted to place a percentage on how much match or decreased funding should be attained annually. That percentage was proposed from 5 percent to 15 percent. Mike Manning called the question. A motion was made by Vincent Ilustre and seconded by Shannon Dietz.

**Motion:**

Effective FY14-15 programs that have been funded 10 years or more are required to demonstrate increasing sustainability annually by showing increased match of at least 5 percent or decreasing the amount of CNCS funds they request by at least 5 percent each successive program year.

**YEAS**

Leroy Davis  
Shannon Dietz

Vincent Ilustre  
Jenny Korner

**NAYS**

Karen Moss Barnes  
Monica Bradsher  
Julie Cherry

Jennifer Falls

Robert Lancon  
Teresa Micheels  
Fabian Tucker

**ABSTAIN**

William Stoudt

The motion failed 7 Nays to 4 Yeas with one abstention. The item was referred back to the AmeriCorps Program Committee for further study.

**COMMISSIONER EDUCATION: Other streams of national service**

To highlight the ways that national service is working throughout the state, Commissioner Pam Olson, Director of the CNCS Louisiana office, invited a panel of other streams of national service to discuss their efforts.

Panel:

- Teresa Gadberry, Senior Corps
- Joyce Tippy, project director Senior Companion Program OLOL Regional Medical Center Baton Rouge
- Kathy Richard, project director Foster Grandparents Program Big Brothers Big Sister Lake Charles
- Rita Massey, project director RSVP University of LA at Monroe
- Vincent Ilustre, director, Michael Pizzolato, VISTA supervisor, Tulane University Center for Public Service New Orleans
- Stephanie Gittinger, Assistant Program Director for Louisiana, NCCC

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports were given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mike Manning and seconded by Leroy Davis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 1:44 pm.